

Application No.: 10/605,908

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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. Claim 2 has been canceled, and claims 1 and 5-10 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

Anticipation Rejection over Sacca et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sacca et al. is requested.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2, thus rendering the rejection moot. Dependent claims 3 and 4 depend from allowable claim 1, and are allowable at least on that basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 2 and 5-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In reliance thereon, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled. Dependent claims 5-10 have also been amended to change their dependencies from claim 2 to claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes that each of pending claims 1 and 3-10 in this application is in immediate condition for allowance.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22171-00009-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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